

ST. THERESE
SHRINE



HOUSE of RETREATS

DEDICATION of
NEW WING
October 2, 1960

5277 EAST BROAD STREET

COLUMBUS, OHIO



HIS HOLINESS, POPE JOHN XXIII

"We are very happy to express to the Retreat Movement Our profound satisfaction for the rich harvest of good it has gathered in its many years of activity. And now in the dawn of Our pontificate, the movement begins its 50th year of existence. Let us first of all raise to Our Lord, 'the Father of mercies and God of all consolation,' fervent thanks for having inspired and protected the movement, thus showing its deep correspondence to the desires of His heart. And let us ask God to continue to make it a blessed oasis of prayer and recollection where in the light of the Blessed Sacrament all classes of workers may attain peace, serenity, comfort and spiritual refreshment, renewal and pardon, holy resolutions to persevere in faithfulness to the Divine Law."



HIS EXCELLENCY
THE MOST REV. CLARENCE G. ISSENMANN, S.T.D.
BISHOP OF COLUMBUS



DIOCESE OF COLUMBUS

198 EAST BROAD STREET

COLUMBUS 15, OHIO

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

We thank God that, under His blessing, the addition to Saint Therese's Shrine and Diocesan Retreat House has been brought to a happy completion.

We are grateful also to the men and women of the Retreat Leagues for their wholehearted interest and helpfulness, and to all in the Diocese who have shared in bringing into reality this plan of increased facilities for retreats and days of recollection, as the first fruits of the Diocesan Development Fund.

It will now no longer be necessary to disappoint the ever growing number of men and women seeking to make a closed week-end retreat. Special groups can be better accommodated for retreats during the week. Others will want to come for a day of recollection.

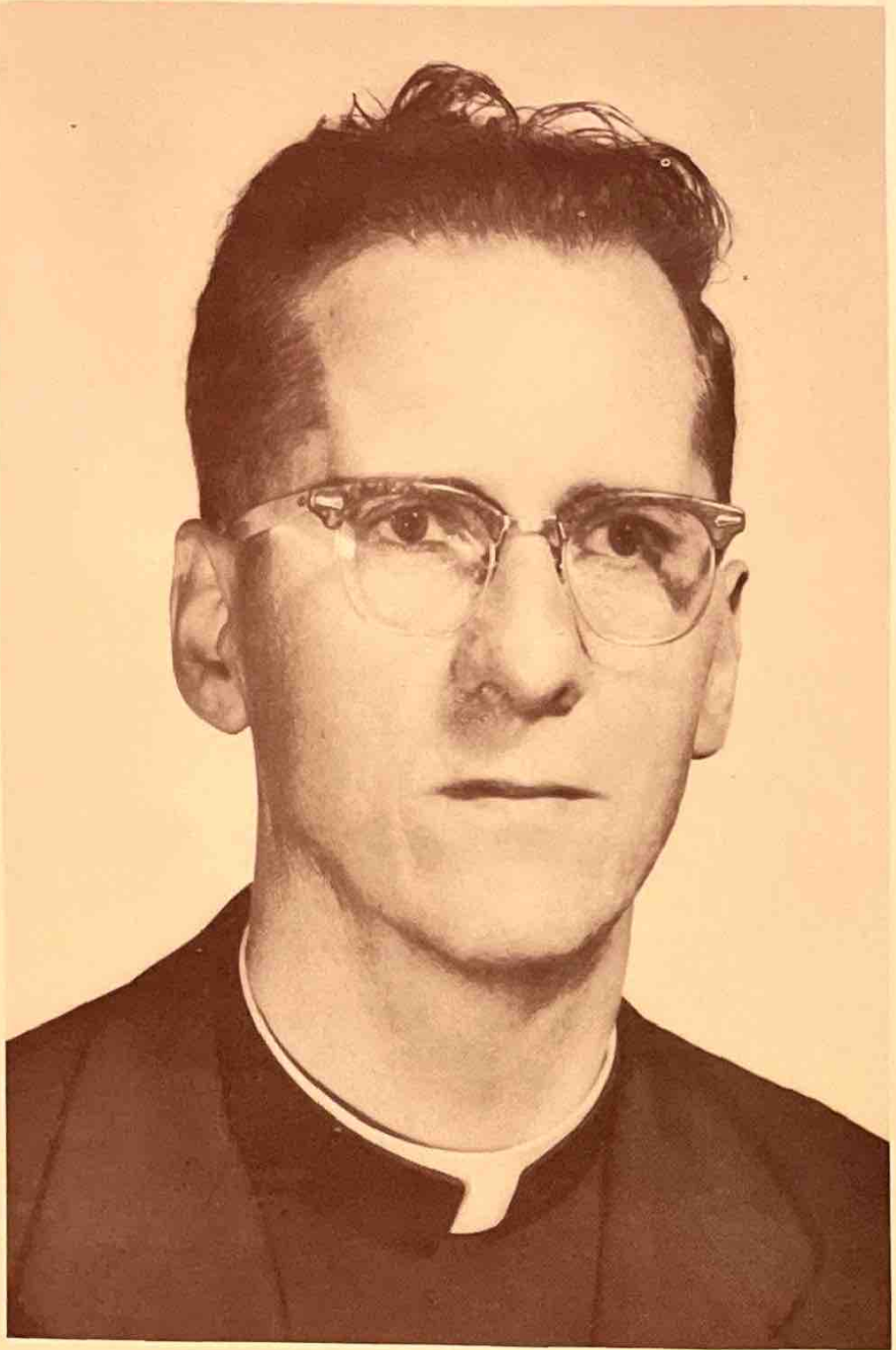
Priests and religious, men and women, adults and young, all throughout the Diocese have in the Shrine and Retreat House a favored place for advancing in the spiritual life.

The practice of spending a few days in solitude, prayer and penance is as old as the Church. Our Lord Himself gave us the example of withdrawing from life's distracting daily routine, in order to draw more readily nearer to God in prayer and the spiritual practices of Christian perfection.

The immeasurable spiritual gain of passing a few days alone with God on occasion or, at least, once a year, is the reason why more men and women wish to make retreats. The feverish agitation of our modern living needs the antidote of spiritual restfulness and meditative thinking.

We offer Saint Therese's Shrine and Retreat House as this peaceful haven to souls desiring to reflect on their eternal destiny and seeking spiritual direction in this world towards God.

+ Clarence G. Isenmann
Bishop of Columbus



REVEREND EDWARD F. HEALEY
DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF RETREATS

RETREAT: LUXURY OR NECESSITY?

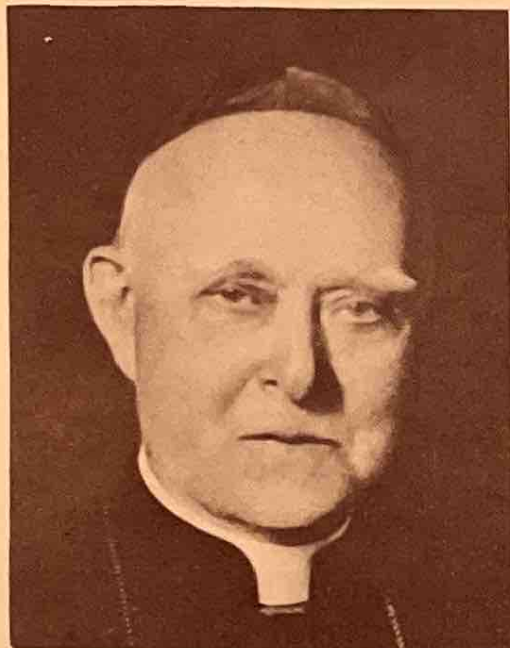
While a retreat is not as necessary for every Catholic as attendance at Mass on Sunday, this new form of traditional spiritual formation cannot be called a luxury. For the devout Catholic it is an important part of spiritual progress. There are so few opportunities for quiet prayer and reflection in our modern environment, that a Catholic who honestly wants to advance in the pursuit of sanctity practically needs an annual closed retreat. Priests and religious find their annual retreat a strengthening and comforting spiritual oasis. For the less privileged Catholic, whom no one should consider ordinary, a retreat is an opportunity to realize the depths of the riches of God's grace and the special helps available in two or three days of silence and spiritual counsel. Here the busy Catholic man or woman can find rest for the soul and strength to carry on the difficult tasks of family or career apostolate.

For the Catholic with a serious problem the retreat is an obvious haven. On week-end retreats an experienced retreat master at St. Therese's usually a priest of the Society of Jesus, is available for private consultation on personal or social problems. Here, without fanfare or embarrassment, a Catholic who has been neglecting the sacraments can renew his spirit and rise from the routine of daily duty to the heavenly level, which is his heritage as a follower of Christ. For the convert or for non-Catholics it offers a chance to delve deeper into the treasures of divine revelation and the accumulated wisdom of Christian spirituality. For all it is a sacred privilege. It cannot be called necessary for all, but it is an opportunity open to all who can come, a God-given opportunity, not an incidental luxury.

--Rev. Edward F. Healey

ST. THERESE SHRINE

Although the property at 5277 East Broad Street was acquired several years earlier and was used for devotional exercises and for Sunday Mass, the true development of the Shrine might be said to have begun in 1927. On August 28, 1927, the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity



JAMES J. HARTLEY, D.D.
Bishop of Columbus, 1904-1944

made their entry, and as chaplain came the Rev. Charles P. Foy (now pastor of St. John's Logan). The present stone chapel and retreat house were dedicated on the patronal feast in 1931 by the Most Reverend James J. Hartley, D.D., Bishop of Columbus, who was noted for his devotion to St. Therese and to the Shrine in her honor.

Rev. Francis J. Schwendemann (Monsignor Schwendemann of St. Leo's Columbus) succeeded Father Foy in September, 1933. Bishop Hartley, Monsignor Weigand (Right Reverend Monsignor Joseph Weigand, late rector of St. Charles Seminary), and Father Schwendemann conducted retreats and days of recollection at the Shrine. Special devotions in honor of St. Therese were a constant feature at the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes as well as in the chapel.

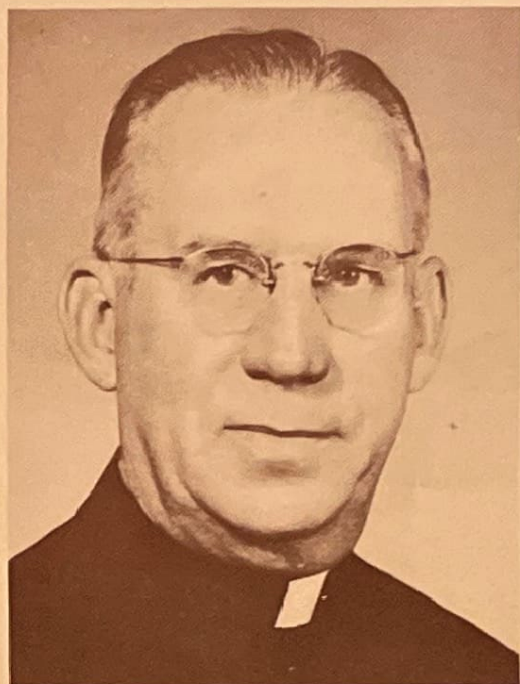
In March, 1939, Rev. Harry S. Connelly (Monsignor Connelly, late pastor of St. Joseph Cathedral) was named to the Shrine post and also conducted retreats and days of recollection. At the instance of the Most Rev. Michael J. Ready, D.D., Bishop of Columbus, the Retreat League for men was activated and the Council of Catholic Women was directed to establish a regular schedule of retreats for women. Both had active programs initiated in 1945.

In the spring of 1950, Rev. John Eyerman (now pastor of St. Gabriel's, Columbus) replaced Father Connelly. During his time the Sunday attendance at Mass (of Catholics resident in the neighborhood) increased to the point that a separate parish (Holy Spirit) was formed. When Father Eyerman assumed his duties as pastor of Holy Spirit, the Right Reverend Monsignor John J. Murphy and later Rev. William M. Sullivan acted as chaplain to the sisters in residence at the Shrine. In February, 1952, Rev. Edward F. Healey was named Director of Retreats with residence at St. Charles Seminary.



MICHAEL J. READY, D.D.
Bishop of Columbus, 1944-1957

Because of the expanding number of retreatants, the Most Reverend Clarence G. Issenmann, S. T. D., Bishop of Columbus, in his first year in the diocese (1958) encouraged plans for the addition of a new wing. The groundbreaking ceremony took place October 31, 1959, and this fruit of the Diocesan Development Fund was put into active service in May, 1960. Completion of final details followed during the summer of 1960 and the dedication was set for the day before the patronal feast (St. Therese), October 2, 1960.



REV. CHARLES P. FOY
1927-1933



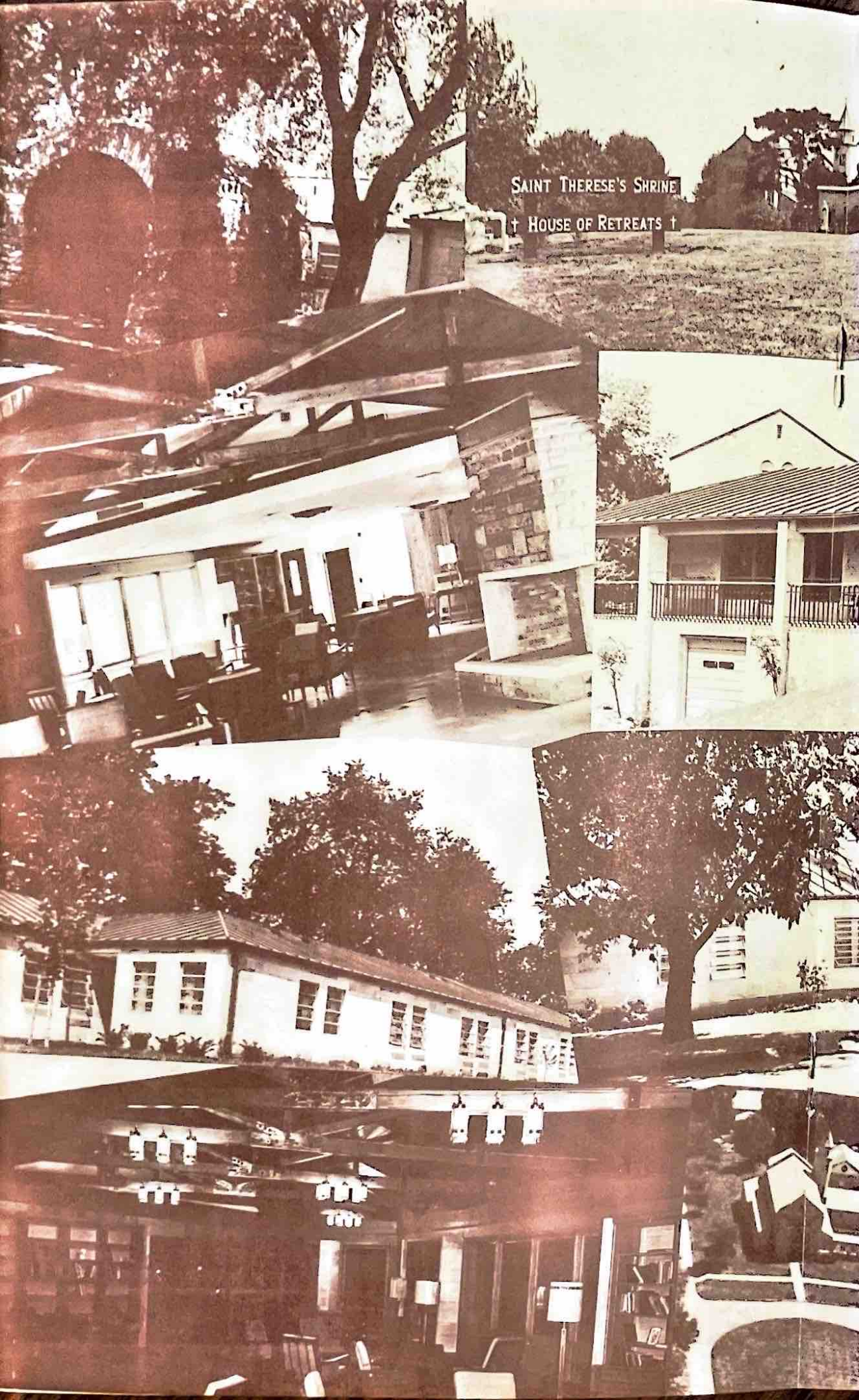
RT. REV. MSGR.
FRANCIS SCHWENDEMAN



RT. REV. MSGR.
HARRY S. CONNELLEY
(Deceased) 1939-1950

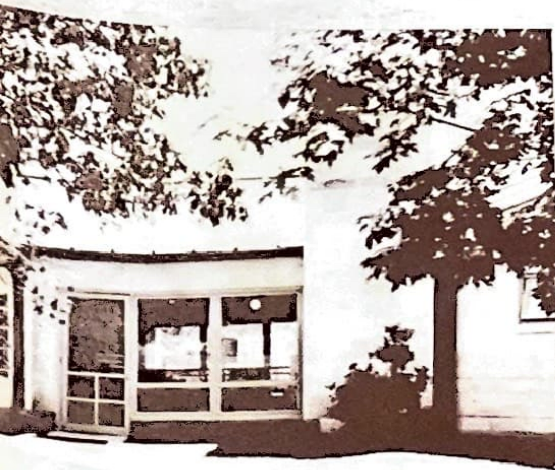
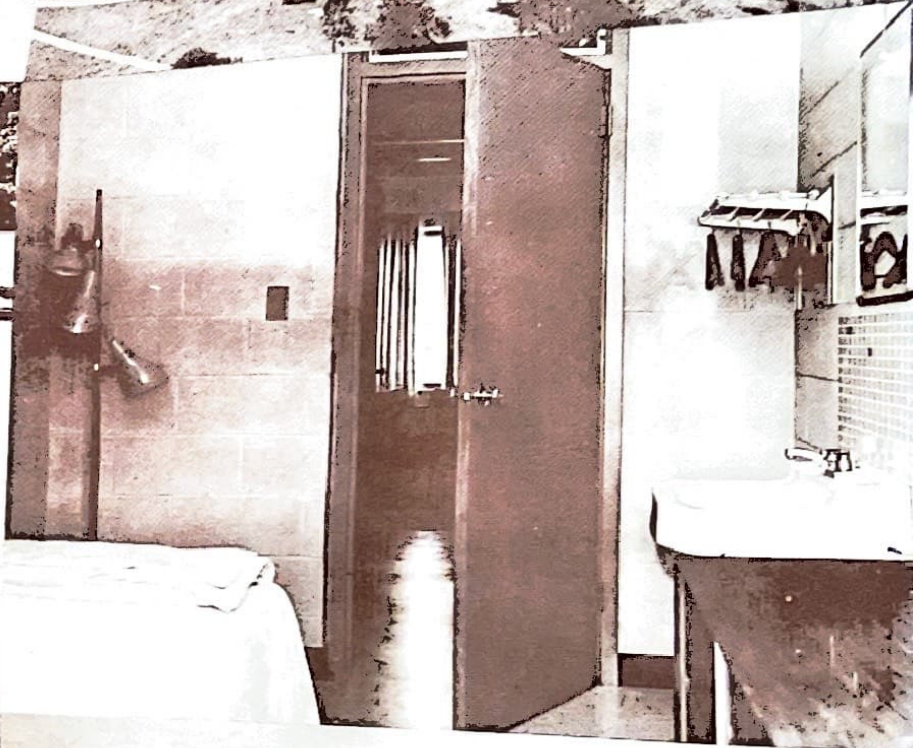
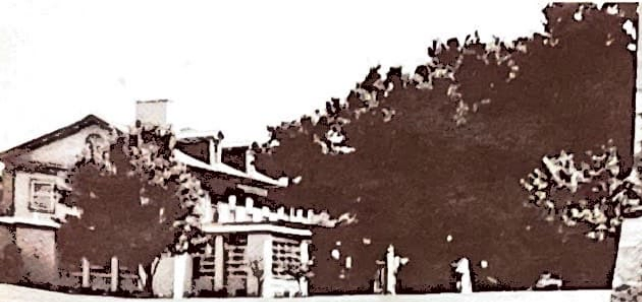


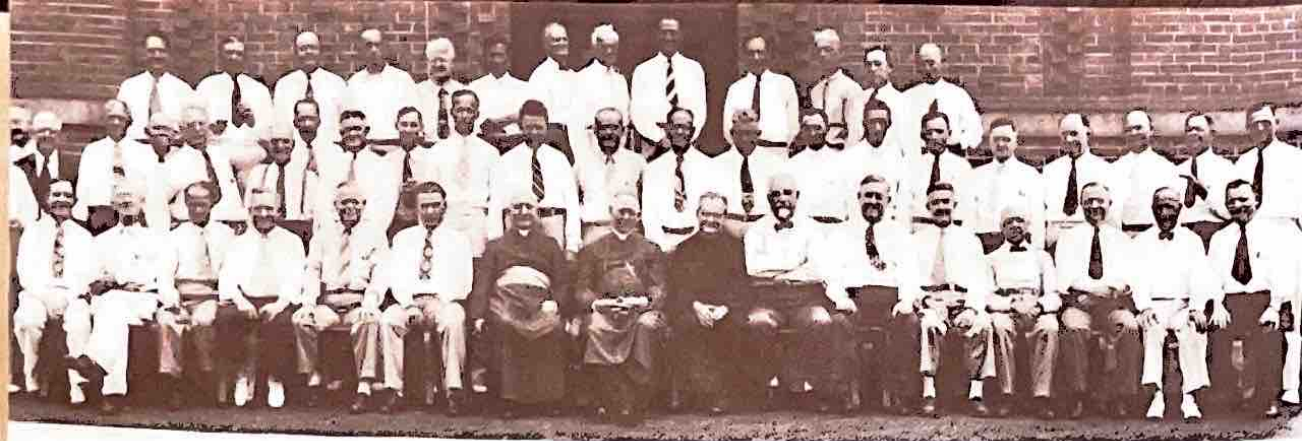
REV. JOHN EYERMAN
1950-1952



SAINT THERESE'S SHRINE

† HOUSE OF RETREATS †





FIRST RETREAT GROUP - 1936



R. PATRICK WEST
President



RALPH KRAMER
(Deceased)



A. E. FERNANDEZ
Vice President



CORNELIUS J. TRACY
Secretary



JOHN TRENOR
Treasurer



GROUNDBREAKING
CEREMONY
October 31, 1959

THE CATHOLIC LAYMEN'S RETREAT LEAGUE

Shortly after the dedication of the original retreat house in October, 1931, a group of nine men made a retreat under the Most Reverend James J. Hartley, D. D., Bishop of Columbus. Even before this time a dedicated group of men, including Mr. Rudy J. Hooffstetter, Mr. Frank Vogel and Colonel William M. Mumm, made closed retreats together at St. Stanislaus, Cleveland. In 1935 they approached Bishop Hartley and obtained approval for forming a Retreat League with Monsignor Weigand, rector of St. Charles Seminary, as director. Their first organized local retreat was held at St. Charles in 1936 (July 16), with forty-seven men present and with Rev. C. F. Connor, S. J., as retreat master. Retreats were organized in the summer of 1937, 1938 and in 1939, but the coming of World War II caused the dissolution of the group.

In March, 1945, members of the earlier group secured the approval of Bishop Ready for reorganizing the Retreat League and for sponsoring retreats at the Shrine. In 1945 the number of retreatants was small (115) but it grew yearly (194 in 1946) until 1957 when there were 759 retreatants on 28 retreat dates. Outstanding in promotion retreats during this time was the permanent secretary, Mr. Ralph J. Kramer, Sr. (died March, 1960), but all the self-sacrificing officers and captains of the League were contributors to this growth. The League, which helps in organizing retreats in many ways, sponsored such projects as the Rosary Walk and the air-conditioning of the chapel. It has but one general meeting a year (quarterly board meetings), which is set for the third Sunday in January. The League is affiliated with the national conference and is active in providing retreat literature and speakers on retreats for parish and other interested groups. The first president, as indicated in the constitution approved in 1947, was J. Emmet O'Harra; the present officers are shown herein.



MRS. JOSEPH BROSMER
President



MRS. HAROLD PIERCE
Vice President

FIRST
(Present)
OFFICERS



MISS MARY GEIST
Secretary



MRS. H. T. ZETTLER
Treasurer



DIOCESAN BOARD

THE CATHOLIC LAYWOMEN'S RETREAT LEAGUE

Catholic women of the Diocese of Columbus have been making days of recollection and retreats at the Shrine since 1931. In the first years these retreats were seasonal, scheduled mainly during the Spring (Lent) and Fall of the year. Many women were active in manifesting and encouraging devotion to St. Therese, in whose honor devotions and processions were frequently held at the Shrine.

With the organization of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in 1945, the retreat movement for women came of age. There were nine retreats with 194 retreatants in 1946; in October, 1952, the Diocese acted as host to the fourth Regional Conference of the National Laywomen's Retreat Movement. The number that year rose to 415. In 1957 there were 608 in 20 scheduled retreats. There were also many more days and evenings of recollection, sponsored by parish and other groups.

Noting the rapid growth of the retreat movement, Bishop Ready proposed the formation of a special organization. In January, 1960, the Catholic Laywomen's Retreat League was formally launched with these objectives: "To aid in the personal sanctification of Laywomen through the medium of closed retreats and other exercises connected with them; to advance and promote the movement for closed retreats in the Diocese of Columbus; to serve the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women in its Religious Activities program and to promote the movement everywhere by cooperating with other retreat houses and with the national movement." The officers and members of the board, representing all sections of the Diocese, stand ready to aid in giving information to interested women and in making arrangements for the organizing of scheduled retreats. They plan an annual general meeting to promote retreats, and expect to be of service in promotion projects for the improvement of the Shrine. The first officers of the League, (who are presently serving) are shown herein.

DAILY ORDER OF RETREAT

FRIDAY

6:00 Registration
6:30 Supper
8:00 Benediction
Night Prayers
Conference
Confessions
Silence

SATURDAY

6:30 Rise
6:50 Morning Prayers
7:00 Holy Mass
7:45 Breakfast
9:00 Conference
10:00 Rosary
10:30 Conference
11:45 Examination of Conscience
12:00 Dinner
Rest
2:30 Stations
3:30 Conference
4:00 Confessions
5:00 Conference
6:00 Supper
7:00 Benediction - Opening Hymn
Private Adoration
8:30 Benediction - Closing
Night Prayers
Conference
Confessions

SUNDAY

6:30 Rise
6:50 Morning Prayers
7:00 Holy Mass
7:45 Breakfast
9:00 Conference
10:00 Rosary
10:30 Conference
11:45 Examination of Conscience
12:00 Dinner
1:00 Stations
1:30 Conference
2:30 Holy Hour
3:30 Snacks & coffee
Break Silence
4:00 Departure

On three day Retreats
Friday schedule is the
same as Saturday.

THE BUILDING *and* SURROUNDINGS

Rev. John Priest was first appointed by Bishop Hartley in 1925 to look after the 76-acre property and the house acquired from Dr. Brown. Rev. Otto Guenther lived in the original residence when the present dining-room area was used as a chapel. Architects Krause & Helmkamp designed the Norman chapel with its distinguished cloister walk and the residence wing, also in Indiana limestone. At that time the private rooms available for retreatants were 32 in number, and that limitation prevailed until May, 1960.

In the summer of 1959, the Retreat League arranged for the air-conditioning of the chapel, and in the new wing the spacious lounge or reading room is also air-conditioned. Harmonizing with the older building, the new wing exterior is also in Indiana limestone with copper roof. The architect, John Gibboney, developed a one-floor extension, providing 28 additional private rooms and the above-mentioned lounge. In conjunction with the new wing there has been extensive landscaping, including woodland walks, a small lake and a convenient parking lot.

Inside the chapel we can note the improvements made by the late Bishop Ready (1949) in the murals and the features of the original design. On the Gospel side the upper windows feature St. Cecilia, St. Francis Xavier, St. Charles Borromeo, St. Lucy and St. Peter. On the Epistle side: St. Paul, St. Teresa of Avila, St. John Vianney, St. Vincent de Paul and St. Frances of Rome. In the sanctuary St. Joseph and the Blessed Mother are similarly honored. The murals depict St. Ignatius Loyola, patron of the retreat movement, Christ in His forty-day retreat in the desert, and call attention to patrons of the movement, Popes Paul V and Leo XIII; on the Epistle side the murals portray Elias, noted for his sojourn in desert places for prayer and reflection, and St. Charles Borromeo, one of the first founders of a retreat house. Inscriptions here note two great modern leaders in the spirituality and in the apostolate of the laity: Pope Saint Pius X and Pope Pius XI. The stained glass windows in the side aisles (Hiemer and Co., Columbus) indicate scenes from the mysteries of the Rosary. In the sanctuary a scene from the Acts of the Apostles is featured above the altar. Directly above are symbols for Faith, Hope and Charity and for the cardinal virtues of Prudence, Justice, Fortitude and Temperance. In the rear of the chapel are featured the Tree of Life, from which flow the graces Christ has gained for us, and two murals honoring St. Therese, patron of the Shrine.

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NEW WING

Architect - JOHN P. GIBBONEY, A. I. E.

General Contractor - JAMES J. McCARTHY

Mechanical Contractor - DOTTER, INC.

Electrical Contractor - DIAMOND ELECTRIC CO.

Furnishings - ECHENRODE FURNITURE CO.

Landscaping - SCHMIDT NURSERY

Waterproofing - MEGLEN MASONRY CO.

Paving - SHEEDY PAVING CONTRACTORS

Remodeling of old building

L. V. GIBBONEY, *Contractors*

THE GENERAL HOTEL SUPPLY CO.

SHERIDAN HEATING & PLUMBING CO.



